three years and the number of students provided this facility, year-wise;

(c) whether any step is being taken for the construction of more hostels in the University;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, its hostels can accommodate a total of 988 students. The position regarding the number of students who applied for admission to these hostels during the last three years and the number of students admitted to the hostels is as follows:-

| *Year* | *No. of Applicants* | *No. Admitted* |
|---|---|---|
| 1989-90 | 1517 | 700 |
| 1990-91 | 1721 | 769 |
| 1991-92 | 1728 | 790 |

(c) and (d). the University is expected to augment its hostel capcity by 396 seats during the VIII Plan.

(e) Does not arise.

[*English*]

**Inadequate Training Aids in Rural Schools**

3263. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural schools have inadequate training aids;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to ensure provision of these aids in all the schools; and

(c) the grants provided for this purpose to Maharashtra during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The centrally sponsored scheme of Operating Blackboard interalia provides for certain essential teaching and learning material to all the primary schools in the country, including blackboards, maps, charts, a small library, toys & games equipment etc. So far 4.05 lakh primary schools comprising 3/4 of the total primary schools in the country have been covered under the scheme. The scheme will continue till completion during the 8th Plan.

(c) The central assistance so far sanctioned to Govt. of Maharashtra since the inception of the Scheme is:-

| | *(Rs. in Lakhs)* |
|---|---|
| 1987-88 | 545.03 |
| 1988-89 | — |
| 1989-90 | 788.33 |
| 1990-91 | 612.22 |
| 1991-92 | 1984.81 |

**Computerised Reservation Offices in North Delhi**

3264. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether computerised reservation offices have been opened in Delhi;